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ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to WTAE 4 Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania governor's press secretary confirmed September 9 that there have been five acts of vandalism over the last two weeks at Marcellus Shale drilling sites. Two of those incidents involved firearms. (See item [5](#))
- Reuters reports that Denmark has raised its terror attack preparedness after a man set off a small explosion in a Copenhagen hotel September 10. (See item [55](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 13, Reuters* – (Texas) **Motiva Port Arthur refinery unit shut after fire.** Shell Oil Co said an unidentified process unit was shut on September 12 at its joint-venture 285,000 barrel per day Motiva Enterprises Port Arthur, Texas refinery, following a flash fire on September 12. No injuries were reported due to the blaze on a heater for the process unit, said a Shell spokesman.
Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFWEN964820100913>

2. *September 12, American Statesman* – (Texas) **Crews repairing Round Rock electrical substation after fire.** A fire at a power substation in the North Austin area caused 14,000 homes to lose power earlier September 12. A Williamson County spokeswoman said the fire occurred around 7:10 p.m. at County Road 172. No one was injured in the fire. By 9:30 p.m., power had been restored to most of the homes in Williamson County, including Brushy Creek and Round Rock. A transformer at the utility's substation in Round Rock shorted out, which overheated wires and oil sitting on top the transformer, leading to the fire, a spokesman said. The utility switched its load usage to other transformers at the substation, and plans to make repairs to the damaged transformer.
Source: http://www.statesman.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/austin/blotter/entries/2010/09/12/williamson_county_thousands_wi.html?cxnftid=blogs_the_blotter
3. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Cooling tower to be replaced at Neb. power plant.** The cooling tower at Nebraska Public Power District's Sheldon Station at Hallam was demolished this weekend, and a new one will be constructed in its place by mid-October. Demolition of the cooling tower, with over 40 years of service, started September 12. NPPD officials say its replacement will improve efficiency and reliability. Replacement cost of the tower itself is \$6.3 million, with a total project cost of \$9.4 million. A 2004 tornado that hit Hallam caused damage to the structure.
Source: <http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=13136468>
4. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Small fire breaks out at Lansing power plant.** A utility says a small fire broke out inside a power plant near downtown Lansing. Lansing Board of Water & Light spokesman says the fire outside 1 of the Eckert Power Station's boilers started about 10 p.m. September 10 and was relatively quickly put out by Lansing firefighters. The spokesman says no injuries were reported and electricity service wasn't disrupted because of the fire. He says the boiler is 1 of several in the plant that helps generate electricity and it wasn't operating at the time. He says oil used to ignite boilers apparently spilled on hot equipment, sparking the fire. The extent of damage because of the fire wasn't immediately known.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=13135966>
5. *September 9, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. Homeland Security document talks of possible 'environmental extremists'.** An intelligence bulletin from the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security is circulating on the Internet, and it quotes the FBI as saying that "environmental extremists" are likely to become an increasing threat to energy companies. The governor's press secretary confirmed to Channel 4 Action News on September 9 that the document is real. "Five acts of vandalism over the last two weeks," he said. "Two of those involved firearms — firing of shotguns that put holes in equipment at Marcellus Shale drilling sites" in Venango County. The director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition released the following statement on September 9: "...as the issue of responsible Marcellus development has evolved from a technical consideration to a political one, we've started to see an uptick in the volume and intensity of activism — some of which appears to be directed at preventing our industry from safely delivering these resources to Pennsylvanians. From our point of

view, as long as those activities remain generally civil and within the confines of a spirited public debate, there's absolutely no reason for concern. But to the extent they go in the other direction, and potentially devolve in a manner that undermines our ability to keep our folks safe, then we will have a problem."

Source: <http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/r/24945359/detail.html>

6. *September 9, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **3 men arrested outside Effingham power plant.** The Effingham County Sheriffs Department has arrested three men who were found hanging outside a power plant. The three men, two of whom are originally from Russia and the other from Kazakhstan, were found with bolt cutters, a shovel, rubber gloves, and face masks, along with other hand tools. Sheriffs deputies located the men outside the Georgia Power Plant McIntosh in Springfield over the weekend of September 3. Effingham County called in the Joint Terrorism Task Force to further investigate the situation. The men were charged with Possession of Tools during the Commission of a Crime.

Source: <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2010/sep/09/3-men-arrested-outside-effingham-power-plant-ar-809473/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *September 13, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Early-morning fire damages chemical plant.** Fire in the warehouse area of a Roebuck, South Carolina, chemical plant early September 13 damaged part of the facility. The fire happened at 3:45 a.m. at Hexion Specialty Chemicals. Firefighters were able to put the fire out in about 30 minutes. Seven people working at the plant were able to escape the blaze unharmed. The site manager said the warehouse contains finished products and packaged raw materials. The manager said the chemicals can be dangerous, but there were only small quantities inside when the fire broke out. The Department of Health and Environmental Control was called to the scene to test the air, which they said was safe to breathe. Damage from the blaze is still be assessed. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/news/24985192/detail.html>

8. *September 10, KETK 56 Tyler* – (Texas) **Leak at Eastman Chemical shuts down one plant.** A leak discovered during routine monitoring at Eastman Chemical causes the company to shut down one of their crackling plants in Longview, Texas. The leak was discovered September 8 in their crackling plant No. 3. Eastman officials say the leak occurred in one of their cooling towers in the plant and they took immediate action to prevent any damage. The leak is currently being fixed and officials expect the plant to be back up and running in the next few days. Production is not expected to be affected.

Source: <http://www.ketknbc.com/news/leak-at-eastman-chemical-shuts-down-one-plant>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *September 13, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **North Anna nuclear reactor shut down for scheduled refueling.** One of Dominion Virginia Power’s two nuclear reactors at its North Anna power station has been shut down for its scheduled refueling. Figures provided by the NRC show Dominion began powering down Unit 1 late the week of September 6 and it was completely idle early September 13. Refueling, typically conducted at 18-month intervals, generally takes about four weeks or less. The NRC figures show Unit 2 at North Anna, Virginia, about 45 miles northwest of Richmond, remained operating at 100 percent of capacity September 13.
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/business/2010/sep/13/nukeगत13-ar-502768/>
10. *September 11, Mid Hudson News* – (New York) **Water leak shuts down Indian Point unit 3.** Entergy removed the Indian Point power plant unit 3 from service September 9 after a non-radioactive water leak was identified in the main electrical generator. There was no release of radioactivity and no threat to the safety of workers or the public, Entergy officials said. The water inside the main electrical generator is used to help cool the air inside the generator and in related components. The generator is located in a non-radioactive area of the plant inside a building that houses turbines. Workers are inspecting the generator to determine the cause of the leak before making repairs and returning the plant to service.
Source: http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2010/September/11/IP3_shutdown-11Sep10.html
11. *September 10, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Illinois) **Blast hits uranium plant in Illinois ‘home’ to Superman.** A small explosion at a uranium conversion plant in Metropolis, Illinois, has added fuel to the fire of an ongoing labor dispute. The incident occurred September 5 at the Honeywell Metropolis Works. It was just one day after company-hired replacement workers restarted production of the nation’s sole uranium conversion plant after a two-month shutdown. No one was injured. No damage was done to the facility. And no dangerous materials were involved, according to the company and regulators. The lockout was the subject of a Post-Dispatch article in early August, detailing how the Ohio River town, which bills itself as Superman’s hometown, was nervous about replacement workers handling dangerous materials after the June 28 lockout of 220 union workers. The union called the event “an explosion” and said replacement workers “blew up” part of the plant. Honeywell said it was “a noise” and not unexpected. In a statement, Honeywell called the union’s characterization of what happened as “irresponsible and wrong.” A spokesman for the NRC which had inspectors on the scene at the time of the incident, confirmed that a small explosion happened during the venting of hydrogen gas.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/business/article_28f3dbf1-20fa-5ead-a970-fe54459f6440.html
12. *September 10, Carolina Live* – (South Carolina) **Turbine problem shuts down Hartsville nuclear plant.** The HB Robinson Nuclear Power Plant, owned by Progress Energy, had to shut down September 10 due to a control problem with a turbine at the plant. A spokesman said the turbine is not in the same part of the plant as the nuclear reactor, but the reactor had to be shut down as a precaution. The exact nature of the problem is not known at this time. The incident was reported to the NRC as a matter of

procedure. The agency is notified anytime there's a shutdown at the plant. Once the problem with the turbine is identified, the company will come up with a plan to repair it. Then they have to create and execute a plan to bring the plant back on line. The spokesman says that could take a day or it could take several days.

Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=509676>

13. *September 2, Illinois Daily Journal* – (Indiana; Illinois) **Was Riverside's radioactive material sent to a landfill?** A safe containing radioactive material missing from Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee may have inadvertently ended up beneath tons of rock at an Indiana landfill. Now, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security will be investigating to determine if excavation at the Newton County Landfill is warranted. "We found out from one demolition crew that they had loaded a large and heavy safe-like container onto a truck that went to the Newton County Landfill," said a spokesman with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. The landfill is near Brook, Indiana, 20 miles northeast of Watseka. "We have notified Indiana and federal officials, and we are continuing to see if there are any open ends to be investigated," the spokesman said. He added that his agency is trying to rule out any other possible locations where the safe may have been sent. The spokesman could not say if workers noticed radiation warning signs that identified the quarter-ton safe. The safe was reported missing July 13 from the hospital. "If that safe is at that landfill, then it is now under 50 to 100 feet of debris," the spokesman said. The debris was hauled to the Newton County Landfill from last January's demolition before construction of the hospital's East Tower addition. The spokesman said the missing radioactive material does not pose a public health threat. The missing safe held 14 small "seeds" contained in individual steel cylinders that were once used in the treatment of cancer.

Source: <http://daily-journal.com/archives/dj/display.php?id=461304>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *September 13, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Fire at Wyoming Delphi plant.** Fire crews in Wyoming, Michigan could not use hoses to put out a fire at the Delphi plant, which started after a piece of equipment malfunctioned around 8pm September 12. Because it was a gas and oil fire, crews had to rely on a nitrogen based extinguishing system to deal with the flames. The fire created a lot of thick black smoke, which people around the plant saw come from the roof. Fire crews say the flames went into the duct work. They had to tear into those ducts to make sure the fire did not spread to the roof. Delphi called in a maintenance team to look at the piece of equipment that malfunctioned. No one was hurt because of the fire.

Source:

http://www.wzzm13.com/news/most_popular_story.aspx?storyid=130875&provider=top

15. *September 13, Ogden Standard-Examiner* – (Utah) **Chemicals burn 2 at magnesium plant.** Chemicals burned two people at a magnesium producing plant in Tooele County, Utah September 12. Tooele County dispatchers say the victims were working

with chemicals at the Allegheny Technologies Industries plant. One victim received second-degree burns and the other received third-degree burns just before 8 p.m. Sheriff's deputies and North Tooele fire crews were dispatched to the scene and a helicopter was called to fly the victims to University Hospital's burn unit for treatment. Source: <http://www.standard.net/topics/accident/2010/09/13/chemicals-burn-2-magnesium-plant>

16. *September 12, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Officials close to determining cause of Seymour factory fire.** Officials have reportedly completed their investigation into the cause of a fire that destroyed the vacant Housatonic Wire Co. plant September 11. Representatives of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Department of Environmental Protection combed through the rubble of the River Street building on Sunday, along with Seymour police and fire inspectors. The building, which had housed the wire company from 1978 until the business was closed two years ago, will have to be torn down, officials said. A developer has an agreement to purchase the site and the adjoining Seymour Lumber and Supply Co. building and turn the parcels into a mixed-use commercial development and apartments. Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Source-Officials-close-to-determining-cause-of-655506.php>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

17. *September 13, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **Airborne laser test failure blamed on software error.** The recent test failure of the experimental U.S. Airborne Laser system was caused by a communications software glitch that led the weapon to prematurely stop firing its beam at a target missile, the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency said September 10. The September 1 test of the system installed on a converted Boeing 747 was intended to build off the success of a February firing by demonstrating the effectiveness of the chemical laser system at ranges greater than 100 miles. The system was able to identify and follow the liquid-fuel, short-range ballistic missile in its liftoff phase, according to an agency press release. "However, the experiment terminated early when corrupted beam control software steered the high energy laser slightly off center," it stated. "Preliminary indications are that a communication software error within the system that controls the laser beam caused misalignment of the beam. The [Airborne Laser Test Bed] safety system detected this shift and immediately shut down the high energy laser." The agency intends to relaunch flight tests starting with assessments today of fixes to the ABL software. An attempt to bring down a solid-fuel missile is expected before the end of September. Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20100913_1450.php

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Banking and Finance Sector

18. *September 11, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (Florida) **Fla. bank closed.** Regulators closed one Florida bank on September 10, raising the number of failed institutions to 134 so far in 2010. Horizon Bank in Bradenton, Florida was closed by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. Bank of the Ozarks in Little Rock, Arkansas will assume the deposits of the failed bank. The failed bank had \$187.8 million in deposits, and its four branches will reopen as branches of Bank of the Ozarks. The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund will be \$58.9 million.
Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=2909
19. *September 10, DarkReading* – (International) **A cybercriminal's shopping list.** According to cybercrime market data scheduled to be published by EMC's RSA Security unit on September 13, the cost of behaving badly online is becoming more affordable than ever. For example, fraudsters can obtain credit card (CVV2) data for around \$1.50 to \$3. Social Security numbers and dates of birth can be obtained for about the same price. "Full" data sets — including the consumer's online banking credentials (e.g., username and password), mailing address, card number, CVV2 code, card's expiration date, data of birth, and SSN — go for \$5 to \$20. Online banking accounts can be purchased for \$50 to \$1,000 per account, depending on the account type and balance. A distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack service costs about \$50 for each 24 hours when launched at a single target. "Bulletproof" hosting services — the hosting of malicious content on law enforcement-resistant platforms — can be leased for as little as \$87 to \$179 a month. A Zeus Trojan kit goes for \$3,000 to \$4,000. "Various fraud products and services are sold in the underground for not more than \$50, but can be associated with the loss of thousands of dollars in the end," RSA says in its report.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/security/privacy/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=227400186&subSection=Privacy>
20. *September 10, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **ATM "skimmers" scam ring hitting Charlotte area hard.** Authorities say a sophisticated ring of scam artists based in Florida is targeting the Charlotte, North Carolina area, stealing local victims' ATM numbers along with thousands of dollars from their accounts. WBTV first informed viewers about a man and woman going around using "skimmers" at local ATMs several weeks ago. Now the U.S. Secret service says another couple has targeted the area as well. A Secret Service agent, who is based in Charlotte, says both couples may be part of the Florida-based ring, which has targeted cities up and down the East Coast. Over the past month Charlotte area has been hit repeatedly; the second couple stole customers' numbers at two Charlotte banks over the weekend. The scammers place a skimmer on an ATM machine, and also appear to be using a small camera to record customers as they enter their pin numbers on the ATM.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13129965>

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Transportation Sector

21. *September 13, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Suicide prompts cyanide search at train station.** A woman's suicide led police to search for cyanide at a Massachusetts train station. Police say a former Northeastern University lab technician took her own life by ingesting crystallized cyanide. According to investigators, the woman took a train into Boston Saturday and entered a Northeastern lab. Authorities say she left her car at the Westwood commuter rail station. The state police bomb squad and a Hazmat team searched the car. No dangerous materials were located and there reportedly was no threat to commuters. Police say it is still not clear where she obtained the cyanide. Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12002204137364/commuter-rail-searched-for-cyanide/>
22. *September 13, Pierce County Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Train derailment reported at Hager City.** A freight train derailed about 7 a.m., Monday in Hager City, Wisconsin near the Ralston Purina processing facility, west of Hwy. 35 and north of Hwy. 63. There were no immediate reports of injuries or hazardous material spillage but authorities were still assessing the situation at 7:45 a.m. A least one downed powerline had deputies warning all crews involved to be aware of the possible electrocution hazard. Shortly after 8 a.m., deputies and firefighters had begun evacuating several homes near the Lakes Gas facility as a precaution. At least one rail car was said to have struck the viaduct near Veith's Bar and it wasn't known whether the bridge had been damaged. Source: <http://www.piercecountyherald.com/event/article/id/28843/>
23. *September 12, Aviation Week* – (National) **TSA ease vetting for international trainees.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is altering its rules to make it easier for foreign pilots to take recurrent training in the United States. The new policy is expected to take effect within days. Currently, active foreign pilots with type ratings in large (greater than 12,500 lb MTOW) aircraft must undergo a vetting process each time they want to come into the country for training. Thus, pilots with dual type ratings might have to go through the process twice or more annually. The vetting involves applying online using English-language forms and can be time-consuming and frustrating for non-native speakers and costs \$70. Training organizations complained that such obstacles were offputting to the trainees and could spur them to seek training outside the U.S., negatively impacting their business, along with local hotels, restaurants, and such. Now TSA says it will require foreign pilots to submit to the process only once annually, regardless of the number of training events or variety of training organizations used. The change should reduce the bureaucratic burden on the pilots, training outfits and the TSA itself. Source: [http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=busav&id=news/awx/2010/09/09/awx_09_09_2010_p0-253220.xml&headline=TSA Ease Vetting for International Trainees](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=busav&id=news/awx/2010/09/09/awx_09_09_2010_p0-253220.xml&headline=TSA+Ease+Vetting+for+International+Trainees)
24. *September 11, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Driver of Megabus that struck railroad bridge in Salina was lost trying to find Syracuse bus station.** The double-decker Philadelphia-to-Toronto Megabus that crashed September 11 into a bridge over Onondaga Lake Parkway, killing four people, apparently missed a turn en route to a

scheduled stop in Syracuse, New York. “He was looking for the Regional Transportation Center,” the Onondaga County Sheriff said of the bus driver. “He was lost and unsure where he was.” The crash of the 13-foot-tall bus into the 10-foot, 9-inch high CSX railroad bridge over the parkway jolted snoozing passengers into a chaotic scene. All the dead and most seriously injured were sitting on the bus’s upper deck.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/driver_of_megabus_that_struck.html

25. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Passenger disrupts Delta flight to Tampa.** Authorities say a Delta flight to Tampa returned to Detroit Metropolitan Airport about an hour after departing and a disruptive passenger was removed from the plane. A Delta Airlines spokesman said flight 1721 left the Detroit airport in Romulus, Michigan about 7:30 p.m. September 10 and returned about an hour later. An FBI spokeswoman said the female passenger’s behavior concerned the crew, but she wasn’t being a threat. The passenger wasn’t arrested but was not allowed back on the plane.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100911/BREAKING/100919958/2055/NEWS?tc=ar>

26. *September 11, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **NC rap artist arrested on gun charge at Raleigh Airport.** Authorities at Raleigh-Durham International airport arrested a North Carolina rap artist on gun charges Saturday. Police arrested the man, 37, after being notified by Transportation Security Administration that a gun had been found in his carry-on luggage during a security check. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a stolen firearm. The rapper was released on \$50,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court September 13.

Source: <http://www.wsoc9.com/news/24971697/detail.html>

27. *September 10, New York Post* – (New Jersey) **Playboy model panics and tries to open door to NJ-bound plane mid-air.** A woman tried to bust out midair from a jet yesterday amid a bad case of high anxiety. The 21-year-old was aboard JetBlue Flight 522 from Orlando, Florida, to Newark when she bolted from her seat and tried to open the door of the plane, a law-enforcement official said. “She said she’s gone through this before, but never this bad, and didn’t have her medication,” one source said. She was detained and placed in federal custody, with charges pending, last night.

Source:

http://newyorkpost.com/p/news/national/playboy_gal_stirs_in_flight_fright_cejyXEPzU3AIOy1K5PgnsN

28. *September 10, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **FBI investigates who aimed lasers at pilots.** The FBI is trying to determine who aimed laser lights at pilots flying out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan twice in the last two weeks. A helicopter pilot flying over Madison Heights two weeks ago called police there when a beam came into the cockpit, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said September 9. Investigators questioned a man who lives at the Madison Heights home where the light originated, but no one has been charged. In a separate incident, a pilot

on final approach to Selfridge late last week reported seeing a laser light aimed into the cockpit.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20100910/NEWS03/9100314/1322/Local-news-in-brief--FBI-investigates-who-aimed-lasers-at-pilots>

29. *September 10, USA TODAY* – (National) **Panel: Commercial flights remain top terror targets.** Commercial aviation remains the top target for terrorists who are likely to try again to use an easily hidden bomb to blow up an airplane, according to a report released September 10 by former leaders of the 9/11 Commission. The report cites the bombmaker who put together the powdered-explosive device that a Nigerian man hid in his underwear and tried to detonate on a Northwest Airlines flight over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009. The bombing attempt failed, but the bombmaker, whom the report does not name, “is still at large” and “is likely to try to bring down another commercial jet with a concealed bomb that is not detectable by metal detectors,” the report says. In addition, al-Qaeda could try to blow up a jet with a surface-to-air missile, according to the report, which was released by the former 9/11 Commission chairmen. The two men now head the National Security Preparedness Group of the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington, D.C. organization. The 37-page report, *Assessing the Terrorist Threat*, says that other top targets are distinctive brand names, particularly American hotel chains, as well as Israeli and Jewish people and buildings. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-09-10-flights-terror-targets_N.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

30. *September 9, KBTX 10 Bryan* – (Texas) **Suspicious substance inside letter deemed non-hazardous; letter turned over to FBI.** A white powdery substance was found inside a letter September 9 at the Texas Department of Transportation Office (DOT) in Bryan. The director of the Texas DOT’s Bryan District received the questionable letter, according to Texas DOT spokesperson. No injuries were reported. The Bryan police department, fire and a HAZMAT crew were called to the scene. The building was evacuated until about 6p.m. The Bryan fire chief told News 3 the letter was deemed “non-hazardous” and was handed over to the FBI. He said the letter was sent without a return address. The southbound lanes of Texas Avenue in Bryan were closed down for a few hours. Traffic was rerouted to the turn lane and urged to proceed with caution. Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/local/headlines/102574419.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

31. *September 13, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Grain elevator fire in East Toledo causes evacuation of nearby buildings.** A fire in a grain elevator September 13 in East Toledo, Ohio, has caused the evacuation of nearby homes and businesses, according to a Toledo Police sergeant. Toledo fire department dispatchers said the incident at the Archer Daniels Midland grain operations in the 1300 block of Miami Street was

reported about 7 a.m. Miami and Fassett streets were closed when a report of excessive heat in the elevator was reported and about 9 a.m., the determination was made to evacuate buildings closest to the grain elevator, including a mobile home park, two homes, and a handful of businesses, including the Archer Daniels building, officials said. Toledo firefighters say the fire has been contained in one tower and is now smoldering although the nearby roads will continue to be closed.

Source: <http://toledoblade.com/article/20100913/NEWS16/100919856/0/CLASSIFIED>

32. *September 13, Food Safety News* – (Alabama) **Chicken processor cited for workplace violations.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp. in Russellville, Alabama, was cited September 7 for 29 safety and health violations. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fined the chicken-processing plant \$135,500. An investigation began in March after workers complained of ammonia odors, cuts and stabbing injuries. When OSHA inspectors observed a large number of safety hazards, the investigation was expanded. According to Meatingplace, Pilgrim's Pride received two repeat safety violations for failing to use lockout procedures and not correctly labeling containers with appropriate warnings. Fall hazards, unmarked fire exits, unsecured chlorine cylinders; unsafe batteries that exposed workers to acid burns and electrical shock; lack of machine guarding; lack of hand protection and electrical deficiencies accounted for 24 more health violations. A company spokesman said that Pilgrim's Pride would meet with OSHA to review the violations and correct deficiencies.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/09/pilgrims-pride-cited-for-safety-and-health-violations/>

33. *September 12, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Seven more horses stricken with EEE.** With seven more horses dead in Michigan the week of September 6 from Eastern equine encephalitis, health officials are repeating the advice they have given since the disease outbreak began in July: People should avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and horse owners should get their animals vaccinated. The most recent cases include two horses in Calhoun County and one each in Allegan, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Eaton and Shiawassee counties. That brings the summer's total for cases diagnosed by laboratory testing or clinical observation of symptoms to 119. Laboratory testing has confirmed that 42 Michigan horses have been stricken by the disease; one 3-year-old gelding in Barry County survived, but the rest died. An additional 77 have been diagnosed as having had the deadly mosquito-borne virus based on their symptoms. Only four of those horses are still alive. The affected counties, according to Michigan Department of Agriculture records, are: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Hillsdale, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Oakland, St. Joseph and Shiawassee. Six horses have died without a county of residence recorded.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/09/seven_more_horses_stricken_wit.html

34. *September 10, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Factory fire sends one firefighter to the hospital.** A machine fire that caused several blazes in a Gilroy, California, factory early September 8 drew responses from four fire departments and caused one

firefighter to be sent to the hospital, a Gilroy fire spokesman said. Firefighters responded to an 8:32 a.m. report that an onion-dehydrating machine was potentially burning at Gilroy Foods on 1350 Pacheco Pass Highway, Gilroy's battalion chief said. Responding firefighters found fires inside machines they opened, including the inside of an onion-dehydrating machine that was about 300 feet long, he said. Crews scoured the factory's ducts and pipes, which had smoldering products from the machine fires. The fire created an extensive amount of smoke, and after much exposure, one firefighter was taken to the hospital as a health precaution. But the fire itself never became too active, he said. "It was mostly contained to the machines," he said. Firefighters finished controlling the fire at about 12:55 p.m.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/local/south_bay&id=7661822

35. *September 10, KTTC 10 Rochester* – (Minnesota) **Eyota hog farm fined.** A farm near Eyota, Minnesota, has been fined nearly \$27,000 by the state after a worker died. In February, a Rochester man was found by co-workers in a hog farm work room. Air sample tests were done by the Eyota Fire Department following the 29-year-old's death. On September 9, Minnesota OSHA revealed that the worker had been exposed to lethal amounts of hydrogen sulfide. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry said Schoenfelder Farms did not provide employees with working conditions "free from recognized hazards." Schoenfelder Farms was fined \$25,000 for that "serious" violation, and more than \$17,000 for failing to do 'Right to Know' training for employees, who are exposed to hazardous materials.

Source: <http://www.kttc.com/Global/story.asp?S=13134748>

36. *September 10, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Hazards cleared after explosions in Iwilei.** A handful of explosions caused parts of the Dole Cannery to be evacuated September 10. The first explosion was heard just before 2 p.m., coming from a vacant lot near the building. Fire crews were called in as several other explosions went off in the same area. Officials say the explosions could have been caused by chemicals being used the the remediation of the polluted soil in the vacant lot. They say these chemicals may have produced a gas as a byproduct that could have triggered a reaction. Those who were evacuated were able to return to the building just before 5 p.m. as fire officials and the Department of Health deemed the area to have no further hazards. No injuries were reported and the exact cause of the explosions are still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-Hazards-cleared-after-explosions-in-Iwilei/27juKEfbhkyO3TEbUTMBhg.csp>

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Water Sector

37. *September 13, Twins Fall Times News* – (Idaho) **Studies show water contaminated by INL too deep for concern.** When it comes to groundwater, the Idaho National Laboratory could have been built in a better place. But recent studies show it could also have been in a worse one. Two reports released in August by a U.S. Geological Survey scientist have used new data from deep wells to describe how groundwater flows under

the INL, not only horizontally but vertically. By using new technology that allows measurements at various depths, he's been able to document how water flows rather than relying on models to predict its travels. The findings explain why no contamination has been measured in groundwater outside INL boundaries, easing fears of groundwater users. "Conceptually, we always thought the water would sink deeper," the scientist said. "The data shows the model was correct."

Source: http://www.magicvalley.com/news/local/state-and-regional/article_80666da7-9a06-5880-aeaa-e0e70205a409.html

38. *September 10, KWCH 12 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Boil water advisory issued for city of Norton.** Kansas health officials have issued a boil water advisory for the city of Norton after a break in a water main from the city's water treatment plant. The break resulted in a loss of water pressure and a loss of water service. Officials with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment say when a loss of pressure occurs, it's possible for contaminants to enter the system. They also say levels of disinfectants may drop and no longer adequately protect against bacteria. The advisory will remain in effect until officials say testing of water samples show no evidence of contamination.

Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-news-rdm-boil-water-advisory-norton,0,7823487.story>

39. *September 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (District of Columbia) **EPA sets new limits for Blue Plains wastewater discharges; will bring improvements to the bay, Potomac River.** To help improve water quality in the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reissued an operating permit for the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. The permit reduces the amount of nitrogen the plant can discharge by 3.8 million pounds each year — a 45 percent reduction. The five-year renewal of a Clean Water Act permit calls for DC Water (the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority) to reduce nitrogen discharges from 8.5 million to 4.7 million pounds each year by upgrading its facility. The plant modifications are to be completed by July 14, 2014 so that the pollution reductions can be fully achieved in 2015. This action is part of a coordinated effort across the Bay region by EPA and State permitting agencies to control discharges of nitrogen and phosphorus from more than 483 significant wastewater facilities. The Blue Plains facility is the single largest point source discharger of nitrogen in the Bay Watershed.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/4C0CA7A507BE26CF8525779A00536AD>
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40. *September 9, Azle News* – (Texas) **Water main breaks again.** For the second time in eight months, a break in a 16-inch water main shut down the Texas City of Azle's water system September 7. The break occurred in a main leaving the treatment plant on Lakeview Drive, not far from the shore of Eagle Mountain Lake. The same line broke early last February. The impact of the recent break was less, but still felt. About mid-morning September 7, water plant employees were first alerted by a citizen's call to City Hall reporting running water on Lakeview near the plant's entrance. Electronic sensors had just begun to show problems as they headed for the door, the utilities

manager said. Lakeview had caved in at the south edge of the pavement, and water was spewing into the ditch. The city had planned to replace some broken valves that contributed to the February disaster, but that work has not yet been done and utility crews are still using a “work-around” solution. But new valves would not have prevented the problem that occurred September 7 the city manager said that night after the regular city council meeting. Both breaks were caused by the failure of the main’s concrete sheath to protect the steel pipeline from moisture damage. The second break occurred about a quarter of a mile closer to the plant than the one in February.

Source: <http://www.azle-news.com/news/get-news.asp?id=11362&catid=1&cpg=get-news.asp>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

41. *September 13, Daily Review Atlas* – (Illinois) **Pertussis reported in Illinois.** Over 445 cases of pertussis have been reported in Illinois to date, with 65 percent of those reported since May of this year. Of the cases reported since May, 45 percent have occurred among school-aged children; over 30 percent have occurred in children under five years of age.

Source: <http://www.reviewatlas.com/news/x907383692/Pertussis-reported-in-Illinois>

42. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Denver-area hospital ER closes while patient’s radioactive rock is diagnosed.** A Denver-area hospital emergency room was shut down while a hazardous materials team responded to a patient who arrived with a radioactive rock in his pocket. The Denver Post reports that the ER in the Skyridge Medical Center in Lone Tree was closed for about an hour the morning of September 10 after the man told hospital staffers that his rock emitted a low level of radiation. A hospital spokeswoman says the rock was tested, found to be radioactive, and a fire department hazardous materials team was called. The patient and a few ER staffers were isolated and the area was roped off. The south-suburban hospital sent emergency patients to other hospitals. The spokeswoman says the rock was determined to be harmless and no one was affected.

Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/sns-ap-co--radioactiverock-hospital,0,2386162.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

43. *September 11, Sierra Vista Herald* – (Arizona) **Computer glitch sends incorrect alert.** Things got a bit hectic at Huachuca City School on September 10 when a computer glitch erroneously alerted parents that their kids were not in school. “We were trying to reach a certain few parents that needed to be alerted, but every parent with a son or daughter enrolled in our school was told their children were not in school today,” said the principal. “It was a problem with a new system that we purchased this year called AlertNow.” It is a system that allows the school to alert parents whenever

there is an emergency, absence or other type of notification that needs to be distributed. The principal said the system is so new, the problem could have been a user mistake. One of the district's information technology experts would be trouble- shooting the system to try and identify the source of the problem, he added.

Source: <http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2010/09/11/computer-glitch-sends-incorrect-alert>

44. *September 10, Washington Technology* – (National) **Federal Acquisition Regulation needs to toughen safeguards against unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information.** Three major federal departments that work closely with sensitive information lack strong safeguards to protect that information, which contractors are accessing while working, according to a report released September 10. The Defense, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services departments have supplemented the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) with provisions to protect information. However, the additional provisions in DOD's and HHS' rules don't go far enough to protect sensitive information, according to the Government Accountability Office. Also, each department's supplemental FAR guidance does not specify a contractor's responsibility to notify officials promptly in case of an unauthorized disclosure or misuse of sensitive information. Looking more broadly, GAO found two important areas that the FAR, the governmentwide rulebook on federal contracting, does not deal with. Regulations don't deal with the use of nondisclosure agreements as a condition of contractors' access to information nor do they set a clear process for notifying federal officials quickly about an unauthorized disclosure. In the report, GAO officials recommend that the FAR Council address those issues on a governmentwide basis instead of letting individual agencies write their own provisions.

Source: <http://washingtontechnology.com/articles/2010/09/10/contractors-sensitive-information-disclosure-rules.aspx>

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Emergency Services Sector

45. *September 13, Rolla Daily News* – (Missouri) **Trial set for man accused of “making a terrorist threat”.** A March trial date was set by the court on September 10 for the former Phelps County resident who was arrested in connection with allegations he threatened to blow up the Rolla Police Department. Arrested in Rolla in January, the 47-year-old of McCook, Illinois faces a Class D felony state charge of making a terrorist threat with a reckless disregard of the risk of causing the evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly, or facility of transportation. According to reports filed with the court, an informant contacted Rolla law-enforcement authorities and told them of the man's alleged plot to blow up the Rolla Police Department. The subsequent local investigation turned up a cache of weaponry, including 91 firearms, more than 300,000 rounds of various-caliber ammunition, and an assortment of items used to manufacture explosive devices. The local investigation immediately was turned over to the federal Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Source: <http://www.therolladailynews.com/news/x1870171731/Trial-set-for-man-accused-of-making-a-terrorist-threat>

46. *September 12, WAVY 10 Hampton Roads* – (North Carolina) **Verizon working to fix 911 outages.** Currituck County, North Carolina, is experiencing intermittent outages in 911 service September 12 to the Knotts Island area. Verizon has installed a temporary fix on the fiber optic cable in Knotts Island, which has restored 911 service for residents. Verizon is currently working on a permanent fix.

Source: http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/knotts-island-experiencing-9-1-1-outage

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Information Technology Sector

47. *September 13, The Register* – (International) **Windows malware dwarfs other viral threats.** The vast majority of malware targets Windows PCs, according to a new survey by German anti-virus firm G-Data. G-Data reckons 99.4 percent of all new malware of the first half of 2010 targeted Microsoft's operating system. Just 0.6 percent of the 1,017,208 new malware programs discovered in 1H2010 targeted other systems, such as Apple Mac boxes and servers running Unix. G-Data reckons the rate of virus production in 1H10 is 50 percent up from the same period last year. It predicts 2010 as a whole will witness two million malware samples. Social networks and their members have become a major target for Windows-based malware attacks. As in previous years, Trojan horses dominate the top five malware categories, with a share of 42.6 percent of malware samples.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/09/13/malware_threat_landscape/

48. *September 13, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft helps Adobe block PDF zero-day exploit.** Microsoft has urged Windows users to block ongoing attacks against Adobe's popular PDF viewer by deploying one of Microsoft's enterprise tools. Adobe echoed Microsoft's advice, saying the Enhanced Migration Experience Toolkit (EMET) would stymie attacks targeting Reader and Acrobat. The newest PDF exploit defeated Windows' data execution prevention (DEP) by leveraging a dynamic link library (DLL), used by Adobe in both programs. Usually, ASLR prevents DEP bypassing, but according to researchers and Microsoft, the "icucnv36.dll" library does not have ASLR enabled. That gave attackers a way to sidestep both defenses. Two engineers with the Microsoft Security Response Center showed how to use EMET to switch on ASLR for Reader and Acrobat in Windows Vista, Windows 7, Server 2008, and Server 2008 R2, blocking the current exploit. A different tactic is needed to protect Windows XP and Server 2003 systems, which do not support what Microsoft called "mandatory ASLR." Both Microsoft and Adobe admitted that they had had little time to test the impact of the EMET-based workaround.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9184878/Microsoft_helps_Adobe_block_PDF_zero_day_exploit

49. *September 13, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Google’s Instant search facility leads to malicious results being offered.** Last week saw the release of the latest technology from Google to allow for faster searches. Google called Instant “a new search enhancement that shows results as you type.” Effectively it removes the search button with results displayed alongside the text box. The technical director of Panda Security said that there was security concerns when it comes to cyber criminals using Google results as a way to spread malware following the top search terms that people are using in Google searches in order to create fake Web sites. “As users type searches into the real-time engine the opportunity for cyber criminals to infect users through black hat search engine optimisation (SEO) campaigns is increased and Google are potentially putting millions of users at risk. Users should exercise caution when clicking on unknown links and URLs.” A detection by Websense found that there were malicious search suggestions appearing as soon as the technology was announced. It said that a search for “anti-virus” produced an “Instant” result for Antivir Solution Pro, a well-known rogueware infection that was amongst the suggested search terms. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/googles-instant-search-facility-leads-to-malicious-results-being-offered/article/178771/>
50. *September 12, IDG News Service* – (International) **Anti-US hacker takes credit for ‘Here you have’ worm.** A hacker who claims he was behind a fast-spreading e-mail worm that crippled corporate networks last week said that the worm was designed, in part, as a propaganda tool. The hacker, known as Iraq Resistance, responded to inquiries sent to an e-mail address associated with the “Here you have” worm, which during a brief period early September 9 accounted for about 10 percent of the spam on the Internet. He (or she) revealed no details about his identity, but said, “The creation of this is just a tool to reach my voice to people maybe... or maybe other things.” Security experts agree that the worm could have caused more damage. However, it did include some very malicious components, such as password logging software and a backdoor program that could have been used to allow its creator to control infected machines. But because the software was not terribly sophisticated, it was quickly shut down as Web servers that it used to infect machines and issue new commands were taken offline last week. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/091310-anti-us-hacker-takes-credit-for.html?page=1>
51. *September 10, PC World* – (International) **‘Here you have’ virus deletes security software on Windows.** On September 9, a new worm hit the Internet, and it has been spreading by emailing the address books of infected users, according to McAfee Labs. By masquerading as a benign PDF, the worm looks something like this when it shows up in the user’s inbox: Subject: Here you have (or “Just for you”) Body: This is The Document I told you about, you can find it Here. [link]. The URL does not actually take the user to a PDF, but instead to an executable with the extension .scr. While the domain linked to in these infected e-mails is no longer live, infected computers can still be spreading virus messages. When the virus is run, it installs itself as CSRSS.EXE in

the Windows directory, then e-mails the contents of the user's address book. It also spreads through mapped drives, remote machines, and removable media. The virus then attempts to download files and delete security software, including virus protection.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/091010-here-you-have-virus-deletes.html?hpg1=bn>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

52. *September 10, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Phone lines restored in Weaverville.** Frontier Communications said they repaired a fiber line that provides phone service to homes in part of Weaverville, North Carolina. A spokesman for Frontier said crews working to install a water line accidentally crushed their fiber line September 10. The communications company said customers might experience one more interruption in service that evening, but it should only last for thirty minutes.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/news/24957174/detail.html>

53. *September 10, Tampa Tribune* – (National) **Tampa reports fewest wireless problems among cities studied.** Wireless customers in the Tampa, Florida, area report fewer problems than any of 27 U.S. markets studied, according to a J.D. Power and Associates study released September 9. The number of problems per 100 calls was five in Tampa, compared with 19 for the area with the most problems, Charlotte, North Carolina. The 2010 Wireless Call Quality Performance Study is based on responses from 26,595 wireless customers nationwide, according to a written announcement. The survey was done January to June. J.D. Power said three companies tied for best service in the Southeast: Verizon Wireless, Sprint Nextel and T-Mobile. The report focused on wireless customers most likely to switch providers. It found that the rates of problems increased compared with the previous six months and were worse among smart phone users than for traditional mobile handsets. Those who said they definitely would switch providers in the next six months reported four times more problems than those who said they definitely would not switch providers. Call quality was measured on seven factors. One factor, dropped calls, was driving the switching rate more than any other, the report states. The study also found that fewer calls were made or received via wireless because customers used their devices more often for text messaging, which increasingly is the preferred method for communication.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/sep/10/sp-tampa-reports-fewest-wireless-problems-among-ci/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

54. *September 13, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **GOP Senate hopeful at Conn. event with bomb threat.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation of a political fundraiser in Connecticut attended by a Republican U.S. Senate candidate. The candidate was among more than 60 people at the home of the Madison Republican Town Committee Chairman September 12. Police say someone called them shortly after 4:30 p.m. to report a bomb at the home. State police searched the house for about an hour and determined the threat was bogus.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h1EAP5wJXGP0YjbJS4G32aSE2qsQD9I709EO0>

55. *September 11, Reuters* – (International) **Denmark raises terror preparedness after hotel blast.** Denmark raised its terror attack preparedness September 11 after a man set off a small explosion in a Copenhagen hotel September 10. After the explosion, police surrounded the suspect in Orsted Park and security personnel removed a bag wrapped around his waist with remote controlled cutting pliers. The man has injuries to his face and arm from the blast, police said. No one else was hurt. A police spokesman said Friday the bag probably did not contain explosives as it had not exploded when shot at. The suspect, who remains in hospital, was not cooperating with police. He said the suspect appeared to be European or North African and around 40 years old and spoke excellent English. Police found a gun at the Hotel Jorgensen in central Copenhagen where the blast occurred in a toilet. Daily newspaper Ekstrabladet, citing police sources, said police had found a map with the address of daily Jyllands-Posten's headquarters in the city of Arhus circled among the man's belongings. Jyllands-Posten's publication in 2005 of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad provoked protests in the Middle East, Africa and Asia in which at least 50 people died. A Copenhagen court ruled Saturday the man would be detained in custody until October 4 on suspicion of aiming to put others' lives at risk, a police spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE68A1AE20100911>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *September 13, CNN* – (California) **Wildfire flares in Southern California.** Crews battled a 2,000-acre wildfire September 13 in Southern California's Kern County, fire and forestry officials said. "Fire crews will be working through the night attempting to contain the fire," the U.S. Forest Service and Kern Country Fire Department said in a joint statement late September 12. "Weather conditions and rugged terrain continue to be a factor in suppression efforts." More than 300 personnel were fighting the fire that

broke out September 12 west of Bodfish. Authorities are investigating its cause. Highway 178 was closed because of the wildfire and was expected to partially reopen by 10 a.m. PT

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/09/13/california.wildfire/>

57. *September 11, Staten Island Real-Time News* – (New York) **Great Kills Park main entrance and paths to remain closed.** Parts of Great Kills Park in New York, including the main entrance, will remain closed September 12 in the wake of the week's brush fires that burned about 200 acres there. Visitors tomorrow can continue accessing the marina, boat ramp, beach center and Crooke's Point via Bulkhead Road. However, the main entrance and multi-use paths are closed. A National Park Service spokeswoman said September 11 it is too early to say whether the entire park might open September 13. She said the flare-ups have not caused any significant problems, although said the threat of brush fires remains. Firefighters will be patrolling hot spots or areas that could flare up again. On September 8, a six-alarm fire ignited near the model airplane field, burning extensive areas of grasslands and scorching an office trailer in the park's maintenance area. The fire also burned wooden docks. Dry conditions and high winds triggered a five-alarm blaze on September 9. Five firefighters suffered minor injuries fighting the blazes and one civilian was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation, said officials. The park is part of Gateway National Recreation Area.

Source:

http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/great_kills_park_main_entrance.html

58. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Pickup likely started Wyoming wildfire.** The U.S. Forest Service believes a pickup truck started a wildfire in Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming near the Colorado line. A fire management officer said the Illinois Creek Fire was started by someone parking a diesel-powered pickup over dry grass. The officer said the driver might have been unaware that the grass caught fire. The fire has burned 112 acres of mostly dead lodgepole pine. The Laramie Boomerang reported the fire should be fully contained by late September 11. There have been no reports of injuries or property damage.

Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/wireapnews/Wy/Forest.Service.Pickup.2.1907431.html>

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Dams Sector

59. *September 11, Gloucester County News* – (New Jersey; Delaware) **Corps: No violation in Delaware River dredging work.** Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are defending their handling of the discharge of water from one of three dredge spoil containment areas after state authorities and local environmentalists cried foul. The New Jersey Environmental Protection commissioner said the Army Corps violated a court order when it dumped material dredged from the Delaware River on the New Jersey side of federally owned land that lies along the border of two states. Dredging on Reach C, from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Elsinboro Point in Salem County, began March 1. Army Corps a spokesman said the dredged material has been

deposited in Cells Two and Three of the Killcohook site since that time. An internal dike within Cell One was intended to divert all water to the sluice gate on the Delaware side. It failed, however, releasing the drainage into wetlands along the Salem River, which eventually empties into the Delaware. It wasn't until this week that DEP learned the Army Corps, despite this directive, had its contractor begin pumping sediments into the New Jersey disposal cell on August 13. The dike failed on August 30, causing a discharge that lasted for about two days before the Army Corps stopped it.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/gloucester/index.ssf?/base/news-5/1284193508298880.xml&coll=8>

60. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Sand dams protecting Alabama estuary from oil will be removed.** Officials at Gulf Shores, Alabama, have decided that the danger to Little Lagoon from the massive oil spill is over and are doing away with the sandy dams that kept it isolated. City officials say there is no evidence of anything coming in from the gulf that would harm the lagoon. The Press-Register newspaper reports that the mayor says crews plan to clear the spillway directly south of Little Lagoon pass next week. City officials have received high praise for their efforts to keep oil out of the 2,225-acre estuary, which serves fosters species ranging from octopuses and squid to speckled trout and flounder. The vice president of the Little Lagoon Preservation Society says that aside from a few bacterial anomalies, the lagoon showed no ill effects this summer.

Source:

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20100910/NEWS/100910012/Sand+dams+protecting+Alabama+estuary+from+oil+will+be+removed>

61. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **EPA: Louisiana's sand berms not stopping much oil.** Federal environmental regulators are blasting the Louisiana governor's \$360 million plan to block oil from the BP spill with sand berms, saying barriers built so far are ineffective and threaten wildlife. In a September 7 letter made public September 9, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urged the Army Corps of Engineers to turn down the state's recent request to build 101 miles of sand berms to stop oil from contaminating shores and marshlands. The state needs permission from the Army Corps to complete the project. The sand berms — paid for with \$360 million from BP PLC — have drawn criticism from coastal scientists and federal regulators. Critics say the work was ill-conceived and would damage the environment. Still, the governor has made the sand berms a cornerstone to his strategy to fight the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The state said it has spent \$86 million on the project so far. EPA said there were serious problems with the project. On May 27, the Army Corps of Engineers allowed the state to build 40 miles of berm, but only four miles have been constructed so far, EPA said. The four miles of berm have "received only light oiling" and done little to stop oil from reaching wetlands and barrier islands behind them, the EPA said. An aide of the governor who handles coastal affairs said "some the heaviest oiling on Louisiana's coast" occurred on the berms. He said the Louisiana National Guard has picked up at least 1,000 pounds of oily debris from them.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9I54J182.htm>

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